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BOXING ALMOST CURBED

The disrepute into which professional boxing is falling was demonstrated recently when the House of Lords in England almost passed a bill which would have banned that professional sport in Britain.

By a vote of 29 to 22, the bill was defeated. But it is ironical to note that in the land where boxing began, as we know it and pursue it in modernized form today, a major percentage of members of the House of Lords turned thumbs down on the sport in Britain.

The bill which was defeated was sponsored by a physician and would have imposed a fine and possible jail sentence on anyone convicted of conducting a boxing match for profit.

Opponents of the bill, who succeeded in blocking passage of the bill, conceded that an inquiry into brain injuries caused by boxing would be in order and favored the allocation of funds to the Royal College of Physicians to set up an inquiry in this field.

Meanwhile, in the United States, where millions recently watched a young man killed in the ring by his opponent, nothing much has been done by various authorities to make the use of headgear mandatory or to require the use of larger gloves.

And when this is possible on television — for millions of youngsters to see — something is wrong with the Aemrican concept of boxing as a "sport."

A MESSAGE TO GRADUATES

All over the United States high school graduates and college graduates are entering the stage of life— at a time when business opportunities are plentiful.

Although young graduates are not too often prone to take freely-offered advice, we will nevertheless offer a few points, as a general guide which we believe might be helpful to those leaving school at this time.

The first thing worth mentioning is that every graduate, or even those who did not graduate, can succeed in life. We live in a country where success can be achieved as a result of sustained effort, or determination. One does not have to be a genius, brilliant, or even smart to achieve this success.

Fortunately, in the United States we have such plentiful opportunities that a determination to succeed, and a willingness to work, will produce very gratifying results.

Perhaps the most important single piece of advice to be given to graduates or those entering the business world at this time is the suggestion that they develop an individual Christain philosophy. This means that each person develop a set of principles and a philosophy by which he will try to live his life. Naturally, he will sometimes fail, but the point is that he will be attempting to live a life in harmony with certain basic guidelines.

Another suggestion is for youngsters today to resist the temptation to overemphasize importance of money. Great values of life, and of time, are not dependent upon financial means.

These things — a life patterned on the Christian philosophy of Jesus, one in which hard and sustained work is respected, one in which money is worshipped as a god, and one in which help is extended to our fellow men, and evil gossip resisted, add up to a life of good citizenship, and a contribution to one's community, city and state.

IKE ON JFK

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower says President John F. Kennedy seeks too much executive power —that the President of the United States already has ample power to carry out his wishes.

This is a valid criticism and President Eisenhower certainly has a right to make it. The nation has the duty to consider it carefully and fairly and it will, no doubt be one of the political issues in the 1962 and 1964 national elections.

That criticism, which seems pertinent at this stage of the game, is that the Kennedy Administraion is too much of a machine party-line organization. That is, the objection found by some observers is that ruthless party considerations take precedent over all others, even when the national interest or desirable candor and objectivity, are in order.

It would seem, however, in all fairness to the Kennedy Administration, and to the President, who so far has not exhibited this tendency in his personal conduct, to say than the present administration is run on machine lines and that the "word" from the top command is to be adhered to rigidly on down the line in machine fashion.

This is not to say, necessarily, that the word, or the line, is bad or wrong. But if and when the party's interest and future is placed above the country's, then that is determental to the public interest.

Send in your news early, please

COMMENT on SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It is just possible that the Patterson-Liston title fight draw a record gate and then be one of the great flops of boxing history.

No one can overlook Sonny Liston's impressive ring career up to now. No doubt he has power in both hands. But then the champion, has fought some powerful punchers on many previous occasions. In fact, he made his way up the ladder by slicing up powerful hitters.

Patterson came back to chill Ingmar Johannson who has a right the equal of any fighter going today. He has always done well against the punchers. It may be that his downfall, when it comes, will be at the hands of a younger, quick lightning-like boxer of his own type.

Patterson is then, the Tunney of his age, and it may be underestimating him to think that Liston will be able to knock him from under the crown he has worn for years now.

If Patterson fights a careful fight — as he is capable of doing — he will be a hard man for Liston to nail. He didn't, of course, fight so carefully in the first Johanson fight and he was caught and surprised. But he was more careful in the next encounters and cut the Swedish belter down in the first half of both those fights.

Liston may be better than Johanson but he must prove it. And he will have to be better to win over Patterson. It is doubtful if he has more power in one punch.

His fans say that he has far greater stamina and staying power as a fighter, and ihs more talented and experienced puncher. All of which may well be true, and Liston's record would indicate that he will not be altogether out of his element when he climbs into the ring with Patterson.

But he will be climbing into the ring with a fast slicing, clever boxer - fighter. Patterson can outbox him, most probably, so it will be up to Sonny to score a knockout. If he doesn't pull it off in the first part of the fight, it may get harder and harder as the night wears on. And there is that chance — as we mentioned earlier — that Patterson will slice him up in a flop of an overbilled fight.

JUNE 1962

Although it seems hard to believe the arrival of June brings us almost to the half-way point of 1962. By the end of June, a fiscal year will have been completed, and 1962 will be entering its last half.

The month of June brings with it summer, commencements, weddings, school vacation and beutiful weather, and is thus, perhaps the most welcomed of all the months. In this month the days are longer than during any other month of the year, there is more daylight and less darkness.

June is not a month of birthday anniversaries for famous Americans, but it contains many patriotic days. The anniversaries of the Battle of Bunker Hill, fought on June 17, 1775, is observed in Boston.

The United States Government actually began in the month of June, 1778, when New Hampshire ratified the Constitution, the last article of which provided that, upon ratifiication by nine states, the establishment of the Constitution between the states would be affected.

The first American troops to land in France in World War 1 landed in June, on the 26th of the month, in 1917. World War 1 was actually precipitated in June of 1914, when on the 28th — a Sunday — Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austro-Hungary, was assinated at Sarajevo. Bosnia.

Father's Day also falls in June, as does the birthday of the first and only President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis.

But the main attraction of June is that it brings long days and summer, commencements and vacations, and— most important of all — a new crop of June brides.

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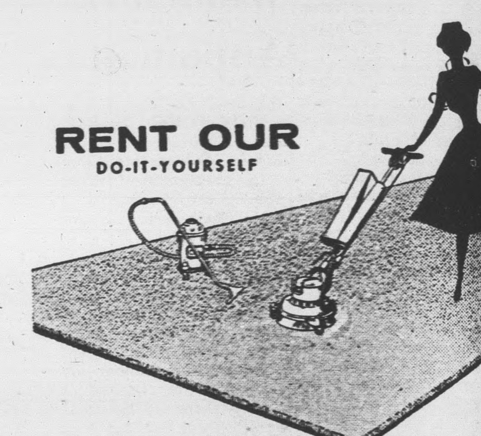

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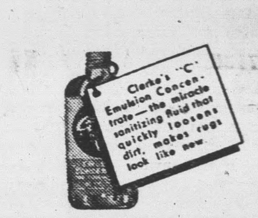

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